

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 13, 2009, has been received and carefully reviewed. The following remarks form a full and complete response thereto. By this amendment, claims 7 and 10-17 are cancelled. Claims 1-5 were cancelled in previous amendment. Claim 9 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 6, 8 and 9 are pending in the application and are submitted for reconsideration.

Examiner Interview

Applicant's representative, Ryan Wallace, wishes to thank Examiner Pickett for extending the courtesy of the telephone interview conducted on February 12, 2010, and for the helpful and courteous discussions. Applicant's representative believes that prosecution of the present application was materially advanced based on the discussion of the objections to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Specification

The Specification was objected to for failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Specification has been amended to provide support for the noted terms in claims 6, 8 and 9. Support for these amendments can be found in Fig. 1. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 7, 12, 14 and 15 have been cancelled rendering the objections to the specification moot, with respect to these claims. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 were objected to for allegedly adding elements to a closed parent claim. By this amendment, claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 have been cancelled rendering these objections moot. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

Claims 7 and 10-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. By this amendment, claims 7 and 10-17 have been cancelled rendering these objections moot. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action advised that claim 12 was allegedly a substantial duplicate of claim 7, and noted that if claim 7 were to be found allowable, claim 12 would be objected to as being a substantial duplicate thereof. By this amendment, claims 7 and 12 have been cancelled rendering this possible objection moot.

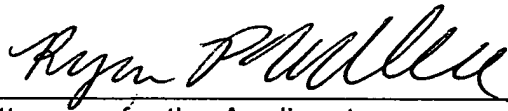
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating claims 6, 8 and 9 are allowed. The above amendments address the objections to the Specification and the remaining claims have been cancelled. In view of the above, all objections and rejections have been sufficiently addressed. The Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and request that claims 6, 8 and 9 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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